

## Gore Wants Northern Mexico Policed by U. S. and Mexico

Washington, Jan. 17.—The establishment of a neutral zone in northern Mexico to be jointly policed by forces of Mexico and the United States unless disorders are speedily controlled was proposed in a resolution introduced by Senator Gore, democrat, of Oklahoma. The Gore resolution was referred to the foreign relations committee. It would authorize the president to enter into an agreement with General Carranza to use troops to restore order, and make life secure in that portion of Mexico adjacent to the United States. There was no discussion on the proposal.

Policing arrangement details by Mexican and American forces are to be left to the war department.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Concentration of Americans at Torreon, Monterey, and other points where Carranza troops can afford them greater protection was reported to the state department by Consul General Hanna at Monterey. He said 60 Americans and others employed at the Penoles Mining Co. near Mapimi, north of Torreon, had arrived safely at Monterey. With them were a number of Americans from Asarco.

Americans who have been on the property of the Tlahualilo plantation in the Laguna district, are at Torreon, and also at Lerdo, a suburb.

Hanna advised the department of the dispatch of Carranza reinforcements from Monterey to Torreon, adding that "the Carranza government is in earnest in its efforts to improve conditions and to prevent further assault on Americans. Good order here is maintained."

**No Escort Needed.**

Washington, Jan. 17.—Evidence collected at El Paso by state department agents indicates that the Carranza authorities at Chihuahua assured C. R. Watson, head of the party of Americans killed near Santa Ysabel that no escort was necessary. In that opinion, however, many of the Americans agreed, although they had suggested to the authorities the advisability of sending troops with the party.

The advice further stated that the Carranza governor of Chihuahua gave Watson a personal passport, and that the Carranza immigration authorities in Juarez gave a personal passport for the whole Watson party. These developments are taken to point to the responsibility of the Carranza government for not adequately protecting these Americans.

## Another Victory for Valley City High

On Saturday evening, Jan. 15, the Courtenay High school basketball team went down to defeat at the hands of the representatives of the Valley High by a score of 21 to 14. The game was close and hard fought throughout and although the Valley City boys showed signs of fatigue from their early morning rise and journey to Courtenay they clearly outclassed their opponents in team work. The Courtenay aggregation played more basketball in the first half than in the second and their "roughing it" in the second half was undoubtedly due to the fact as expressed by a Courtenay business man, that they they were outclassed.

The team while at Courtenay was given a royal treatment by the school people but a little more courteous spirit might have been extended to the visiting team from the sidelines. We are loath to believe that those who exhibited signs of a poor losing spirit were really the true representatives of the city to the north of us. It is our sincere hope that the Valley City people may be able to see both teams in the games which are to be held here. Those representing Valley High in the game were Palmer Nelson, Lawrence Stenshoel, John Cook, Harold Coop and Eli Weston.

Albert Kotz, who has been foreman at the Northwest Nursery farm for some time, will move his family to Owatonna, Minn., this week, where he will accept a position with the Clinton Falls Nursery with whom he worked while learning the business. Their many friends in the city will wish them well in their new home although regretting their departure from here. They expect to leave Wednesday night.

Most any joke is funny if the man for whom you are working tells it.

## Full Membership Present at Woman's Club Meeting

Monday afternoon the Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. D. S. Ritchie and a noteworthy fact was that every member was present. The topic for the afternoon's discussion was "Modern Advance in Medicine and Surgery," which brought forth some interesting facts and thoughts. Roll call was responded to as usual with current events. The full attendance in such severe weather is evidence of the interest the members take in their club work.

## Neighborly Study Members Learn Dietetic Value of Nuts

Meeting at the home of Mrs. Boughton, in the Sheyenne Flats Monday afternoon, the Neighborly Study club had a very delightful session. Miss Tillson conducted an interesting lesson on "Nuts", giving a large amount of general and specific knowledge regarding all the common varieties as well as many interesting facts regarding many of the more rare nuts. Statistics concerning the vast quantities of nuts grown in America in a single year, 1905, showed that as an article of food they constitute a much larger portion of the general whole than might be supposed, millions and millions of pounds being grown. In that same year America imported additional nuts amounting to \$6,000,000. Miss Tillson presented charts showing the relative food values of nuts as compared with meat, cheese, bread, eggs, beans, potatoes, apples and rasins. These comparisons had been carefully worked out with reference to the proportions of protein, carbohydrates, fat and energy—or the number of calories possessed in each case. Comparing, also, the relative cost of the different nuts with that of various common foods, the results were somewhat astonishing; for instance, ten cents worth of peanuts was found to contain twice as much protein and six times as much energy as ten cents worth of porter house steak would contain.

Following this a short business meeting was held, and then Mrs. T. A. Veblen conducted the lesson in Civil Government which on this occasion was "Public Finance, Money and Banking," with particular emphasis on the latter. The study in civics is one which the club is particularly enjoying and while time often forbids the lengthy discussion which is desirable, yet the members are carefully following the study outline as prepared last fall and find the subject full of interest. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. S. S. Tuttle, Jan. 31.

## Surprised Their Classmate

The little girls of the fourth grade, Ritchie school, with their teacher, Miss Minnie Ratloff, surprised their classmate, Grace Kotz, at her home on Conkling avenue, Monday afternoon after school, by coming in for a farewell party before she leaves for her new home in Owatonna, Minn. They brought along with them a beautiful napkin ring, engraved with her initials, which they presented to her as a token of friendship and the little girl will always remember her school friends in Valley City. Games were played and a general good time indulged in, after which refreshments were served, and then the little guests bid their schoolmate goodbye and wished her a pleasant time in her new home.

## WILLISTON FIRE MEN ARE BUSY

Williston, N. D., Jan. 17.—With a record of four fire alarms in a single day, as compared with a record for the month previous of no alarms, the Williston fire department was given an opportunity to exercise itself to the utmost.

Only nominal damage was done in each of the fires, which were checked in good season. The heaviest loss was in the Brunswick hotel, where the damage is about \$2,000.

The other fires were in residences.

Nels Johnson, manager of the Russell-Miller Co., of this city, made a flying trip to Buffalo Tuesday on matters of business.

## Entertained Clonians

Monday afternoon, at her home on Normal avenue, Miss Helen Chaffee entertained the first half of the Clonian society from 3 to 5 o'clock. The society is arranged alphabetically and divided evenly, one-half being entertained at a time, 12 being present on this occasion. The afternoon was spent in needle work, conversation and music, light refreshments being served by the hostess later. Dainty little baskets, formed of white hearts tied with red ribbons, and the decorations on the cakes in red and white evidenced the colors of the society. The time passed quickly and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

J. N. Johnson, of Spiritwood, spent Tuesday in the city, greeting friends and paying his taxes. He was to leave in the evening for Fargo, to be in attendance at the meeting of the stockholders of the Equity exchange.

## Surprised Mrs. Kotz

Saturday evening about 25 lady friends of Mrs. Albert Kotz surprised her at her home on Conkling avenue by coming in and spending the evening with her. Baskets filled generously with delicious lunch were opened after an evening of pleasant visiting together, and a repast was enjoyed and then the climax of the evening came in the presentation to Mrs. Kotz, by her friends, of a set of silver spoons, a sugar spoon and butter knife. Mrs. Kotz was delighted and in a charming manner thanked the ladies for the beautiful remembrance. The guests, in departing, wished their friends a pleasant lot in her change of homes.

C. H. Noltimer, one of our best and most conservative farmers, and a booster for the Equity, left on No. 4 Tuesday, to be in attendance at the Equity meeting in Fargo.

### Our Standard of Service

This Bank and its Shareholders, its Officers and Directors, and its hundreds of customers, all have the closest mutual interests.

The more these mutual interests are understood, the greater the degree of service we can render. To be a faithful, efficient, punctual, and dependable Bank, to make every branch of its service the best possible, is our ideal and standard.

We would much rather be THE BEST than to be the biggest.

## Bank of Valley City

## Believes U. S. Must Make War on Mexico

New York Jan. 15.—Representative Kelley of Michigan, member of the house committee on military affairs, declared in an informal discussion the United States might be forced to intervene in Mexico.

Mr. Kelley asserted that the United States had no need of a great military establishment, but that its navy should, at least, be second among those of the great powers.

Mr. Kelley and Representative Lemuel Padgett, of Tennessee, chairman of the naval committee, who also spoke, declared the present plans of the navy department would give the United States a navy only slightly inferior to that which Germany possessed at the outbreak of the present war.

## REPORT WAS ERRONEOUS

In the report of the death of Ole Oleson last week it was stated that he was somewhat addicted to the use of intoxicants. This is stoutly denied by his relatives. In the hurry of getting out a daily such things sometimes get in and are erroneous. This paper has no intention of maligning anyone or causing them additional grief. We therefore cheerfully correct this statement.

## Valley City Is Leading in Sunday School Contest

Every week means added interest in the contest between the First Congregational church of this city and the Williston Congregational school. Yesterday the Valley City school reported an attendance of 233 with an offering of \$7.04, one perfect attendance class and 24 new scholars added to the roll. The Williston school reported an attendance of 179 with an offering of \$9.41, three perfect attendance classes and 12 new scholars added to the roll.

The annual meeting of the First Congregational church society will be held in the church on Thursday evening Jan. 20, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Following the meeting an adjournment will be taken to the church parlors for a social hour. The Ladies' Guild will serve refreshments. All members of the church, contributors and regular attendants are entitled to be present at this meeting of the church society.

## Doctor Badly Frozen While Answering Call

Mandan, Jan. 14.—With his feet terribly frozen and his legs to the knees turned black, Dr. T. G. Andrews, who recently took the place of Dr. Rice at Cannon Ball, lies in a hospital at Ft. Yates facing amputation of his legs.

He was out on a sick call during one of the recent severely cold nights. The team he was driving played out and the doctor unhitched the horses and tied them to a wheel to give them a rest. He sat in the buggy, pulling quilts and blankets about him for a couple of hours.

Then he hitched up again and finished his trip, but his feet had been frozen. He was taken to Ft. Yates and while he is improving, sisters of the Catholic hospital in long distance conversation this afternoon admitted that he is in a critical condition.

## What Foods Are Best for School Children

Can Johnny better work his arithmetic problems after a breakfast of twelve pancakes, or would his average be higher on milk toast? That there is a relation between the students' food and the grade of his work is a fact maintained by educators. In a certain western university not long ago the professorial indignation was voiced against the wheat cake "stack" and the "side of bacon" as a drawback to scholarship.

The effects of different foods upon the mental alertness of school children will be discussed by Dr. C. E. Hunt before the Parents League of the Normal Training school on Wednesday evening of this week. This meeting will be held in Miss Amdon's room at the Normal school and will be called to order at 8 o'clock sharp. All members of the League and others interested are urged to be present.

A musical program is in the hands of Miss Carrie Dean, assistant critic and the committee assures us the meeting will be a most profitable one.

Frank Bibb, accompanist with Oscar Seagle, at the Normal auditorium Monday evening, was entertained at dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Roberts. Mr. Bibb was a classmate of Mrs. Roberts at the Minnesota university. Mrs. L. W. Cameron, who was also present, was another classmate, and reminiscences were enjoyed.

## Bergen, Norway, Swept by a Disastrous Fire

### Mrs. Pankhurst Not Allowed to Enter the United States

New York, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the British suffrage leader, was held at Ellis Island immigration station when she arrived here on the steamship St. Paul, because federal authorities said she served a sentence in a British prison.

She was similarly detained when she arrived here more than two years ago, but was quickly released and allowed to enter this country. Mrs. Pankhurst protested vigorously.

### Sheyenne Club Discusses Finances of Government

The Sheyenne club held a splendid meeting, one full of interest, Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. P. Ellis. The program was in charge of Mrs. E. C. Hilborn and Mrs. Ellis. Mrs. Hilborn had a paper on "Government Finances" while Mrs. Ellis read an article on "State Funds," which was followed by a general discussion of the topics. While the figures given were too numerous and too large to be easily remembered, they gave a general knowledge of the expense of the government, both state and national. There was a good attendance and the members are greatly interested in their work, feeling that they derive great benefit from the lessons gone over in the course of a year, although the time spent is slight.

### DISTRICT COURT WRESTLING WITH SCHNUR ACCIDENT CASE

The case against the Soo railway brought by the guardian of Wm. Schnur, of Fingal, who was injured in a crossing accident is occupying the attention of the district court. There are a large number of witnesses in this case, and the amount of damages asked by the plaintiff makes the case one of unusual interest. The attorneys on both sides are giving their clients their best efforts, and the case will not go to the jury before Wednesday. This is the last case for this term.

## Minot Man Is Arrested on a Firebug Charge

Minot, Jan. 15.—Arthur Hileman was arrested and waived a preliminary hearing before Justice Lynch Saturday morning who bound him over to the district court in \$2,000, on a charge of arson in connection with the burning of the Blakey-Roell block in this city a few days ago.

The story in circulation in connection with the matter, but which was not disclosed this morning because of the accused having waived preliminary hearing and so avoiding the necessity of offering evidence, is that the accused who conducted a sort of messenger service in the basement of the building, poured wood alcohol over the bottom of the pants of a drunken man named Westgard, who was sleeping in the place and then set him on fire. The victim was pretty badly burned, and while efforts were being made to prevent him from being burned to death, the fire communicated to the material in the building and the conflagration became a disaster.

Ever since the fire there have been rumors of incendiarism, either intentional or accidental, but nothing has come of the matter until the arrest of Hileman.

The accused is a young man well known about the city, and is about 24 years of age. He furnished the bail required by the committing magistrate.

Westgard, the man who was burned, was taken to a local physician for treatment of his burns and an effort was made to keep the facts from the public. He is able to be about but is badly burned.

The Episcopal guild will meet in the Guild room on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Cameron as hostess.

Christiania, Norway, Jan. 17, via London.—A third of the city of Bergen, a thriving Norwegian seaport with a population of 90,000 was destroyed Saturday night by fire.

The fire started Saturday evening in an iron monger's shop and fanned by a hurricane the flames spread rapidly and soon enveloped all the business portion of the city.

All the largest buildings including hotels, newspaper offices and telegraph and telephone exchanges were destroyed. The telegraph officials worked bravely in sending messages until their last lines were broken.

The firemen endeavored to circumscribe the area of the fight but the task was hopeless. In order to prevent a further spread of the conflagration they finally blew up buildings on the outer edge of the path of the flames. Late reports say that no lives were lost.

Two lives are reported to have been lost and 2,000 persons are homeless. The property damage is estimated at \$15,000,000.

The conflagration is said to be the worst ever recorded in Norway. The business section, with its old wholesale houses, several of the largest of the hotels, a number of schools, the electric plant and banks and newspaper buildings, was the part burned.

The difficulties of the 2,000 persons now without homes were increased by the fact that the largest storage houses, filled with provisions for supplying the surrounding country, were burned down. It is harder to obtain groceries today than at any time since the outbreak of the war.

Bergen never was so flourishing as at the beginning of the present year, these conditions being due largely to the increased merchant marine.

Bergen is one of the oldest and most picturesque towns in Norway, and it ranks first of the Norwegian ship owning centers. It is well built on a hilly peninsula and is situated at the end of a deep bay of the Atlantic 190 miles northwest of Christiania. A large part of the foreign trade of Norway passes through Bergen. Fleets of vessels bring the produce of the northern fisheries to the seaport.

Bergen has repeatedly suffered from fire as in 1702 and 1855 and the broad open spaces, which interrupt the streets are intended as a safeguard against the spread of flames.

Many of the houses still are timber built and painted white.

The chief buildings in the city are the national museum, a large public library, the cathedral and a marine biological station.

Posters in four colors advertising the Laymen's Missionary convention for North Dakota and northern Minnesota, which will be held in Fargo beginning Jan. 26, will soon be displayed in Valley City. The idea of the poster was suggested for the posters issued by the United States military authorities to induce men to enlist in the army. Enrollment for the convention is progressing. Fargo and Moorhead will furnish from 800 to 1,000 delegates.

## Grain Growers Meet in Annual Convention

Fargo, Jan. 18.—The seventeenth annual Tri-state Grain Growers' convention opened this morning at 10 o'clock in the new auditorium building. President John H. Worst, head of the North Dakota Agricultural college, will open the convention and the sessions will continue for four days. During this time the farmers of the northwest will have the opportunity of listening to some of the best posted men on agricultural subjects in the country.

Large numbers of visitors arrived in the city yesterday and trains coming into Fargo today will be crowded with men from all over the Dakotas and Minnesota who want to know of the developments in the past year along farming lines and for exchanging ideas in regard to their work.

It was announced last evening that one hour of the sessions today would be devoted to the Equity movement. James Manahan, of Minneapolis, will be on hand and will have something interesting to tell the gathering about the great work of this organization. On Friday another hour will be devoted to this subject, the speaker to be announced later.